GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF DESERTS INTO TOURIST SPOTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Urban and Rural Development in its Report have dwelt on the desert development programme;

(b) if so, whether the desert in Dubai has been developed and converted into a beautiful tourist spot;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to develop some deserts in the country into tourist spots on the lines of Dubai;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which such desert tourist spots are expected to be developed?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Standing Committee on Urban and Rural Development have dwelt on the desert development programme.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) : The Department of Tourism, Government of India has formulated newschemes i.e. Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development for providing facilities to tourists and strengthening tourism related infrastructure at tourist places including desert areas. The final decision about the projects for 2002-03 is to be taken in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations

(e) : No time frame has been fixed for development of Deserts into tourist spots so far.